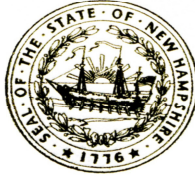


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Friends,

Lots to report this week! Much of the work of the Executive Council occurred outside our biweekly meeting:

- Governor Hassan announced several key nominations – including four Circuit Court Judges and a Public Utilities Commission member – and the Council will hold public confirmation hearings on December 4th and 9th (details below).
- Additionally, the Council discussed final edits in the draft NH ten-year transportation plan, likely to be finalized on Dec 4th.

Below is a summary of Council action (followed by full details and links to background materials at the end of this email).

(1) Impacting Merrimack Co & Central NH: Arts grants to the Concord City Auditorium and Red River Theaters, homeless support through the First Congregational Church in Concord and Merrimack-Belknap Community Action Program, and approval of the previously-tabled preliminary engineering work for I-93 expansion from I-89 to I-393.

(2) Impacting the Monadnock Region: Renewable energy grant to Fiske Hydro in Hinsdale, NH and anti-drug use campaigns at Keene State College and Franklin Pierce University.

(3) Impacting Strafford & Belknap Co: Purchase of portable ventilators for Frisbie Memorial hospital in Rochester, NH, a Traditional Arts apprenticeship grant to Fred Dolan of Strafford, NH, and approval of the previously-tabled inspection of the General Sullivan Bridge.

(4) Other projects & policies with statewide impact: Rejected, on a 2-2 vote, a \$13k contract for a Massachusetts artist to create artwork of the NH state tree for the newly renovated Anna Philbrook Center in Concord. I voted no; while I recognize it is important for NH businesses (including our artists) to serve other states, and therefore vice-versa, in this particular case I felt that art of an NH state symbol hanging in an NH state office building might be best provided by an artist from, or with deep ties, to our state.

(5) Confirmations: On Wednesday, 12/4 at 6pm, the Council will hold a public confirmation hearing at the State House for the Governor's nominee to the Public Utilities Commission, Martin Honigberg, at 6pm, and a second hearing for her nominee to the Circuit Court, Judge Susan Carbon, at 7pm. On Monday, 12/9, the Council will hold hearings at 6pm, 7pm, and 8pm for Circuit Court judge nominees Robert Foley, Margaret Ann Moran, and Patricia Quigley (order TBD). Full list of other nominees below.

(6) Ten Year Transportation Plan ("GACIT"): The Council and Transportation Commissioner Chris Clement discussed final edits to the draft ten-year transportation plan, which will likely be voted on Wednesday, 12/4 at 8am. The plan has now identified both planned/funded projects from 2015-2024 and also strategic priorities that are contingent on identifying additional funding sources (such as I-93 expansion, the Capitol Corridor Rail project, and Turnpike improvements).

For full details on any of those items, see below.

Sincerely,
Colin
Executive Councilor, District 2

FULL 11/20 AGENDA: http://sos.nh.gov/nhsos_content.aspx?id=49256 (or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

DETAILS ON ITEMS MENTIONED ABOVE:

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH

Authorized to award a Conservation Number Plate Grant in the amount of \$20,000 to the Friends of the Concord City Auditorium for plaster restoration. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% Other Funds.**

Authorized the Division of the Arts to award Public Value Partnership Grants totaling \$21,450 to Red River Theaters, Concord, in the amount of \$8,450; and to Manchester Community Music School, in the amount of \$13,000, to strengthen their capacity for offering affordable diverse arts programs to NH residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% General Funds.**

Authorized to enter into **retroactive** agreements with First Congregational Church, Concord, NH, to provide Emergency Solutions and State Grant-in-Aid services to homeless individuals, in an amount not to exceed \$29,908. This amount represents an award of \$13,832 effective **retroactive** to January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013; and \$16,079 **retroactive** to July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. **54% General, 46% Federal Funds.**

Authorized to enter into a **retroactive** agreement with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc., Concord, NH, to provide a State Grant In-Aid Program, Homeless Housing and Access Loan Fund Program, Housing Security Guarantee Program and Homeless Outreach Intervention Program services to homeless individuals in an amount not to exceed \$546,928. Effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. **84.24% General, 15.76% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the previously-tabled request of the Bureau of Highway Design to enter into an agreement with McFarland-Johnson Inc., Concord, NH, and Binghamton, NY, to prepare the second phase of the preliminary engineering design for the section of Interstate 93 passing through Bow and Concord from I-89 through I-393, in an amount not to exceed \$1,660,885.66. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2015. **100% Turnpike Funds.**

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION

[Authorized](#) to award grant funds in the amount of \$225,000 to Fiske Hydro Inc., to increase the capacity of renewable energy production at the Fiske Hydroelectric site in Hinsdale, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2015. **100% Renewable Energy Funds.**

[Authorized](#) to enter into an agreement with County of Cheshire, Keene, NH, to assess, build capacity, mobilize, and prevent the use of non-medical prescription drugs, underage alcohol and excessive alcohol use on the campuses of Keene State College and Franklin Pierce University, in an amount not to exceed \$571,617. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD & BELKNAP CO

[Authorized](#) to enter into a grant agreement with Frisbie Memorial Hospital, Rochester, NH, under which the Division of Public Health Services will provide three portable ventilators and necessary accessories valued at \$20,970 to enhance respiratory medical capacity in response to a large-scale health emergency, using funding supported by the Federal Department of Homeland Security Grant to NH. Effective upon G&C approval and until the grant agreement is terminated by one of the parties. **100% Other Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Division of the Arts to award a Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grant in the amount of \$2,400 to Fred Dolan, Strafford, to assist in the preservation of tradition based arts in NH so that future generations can continue to benefit from them. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the previously-tabled request of the Bureau of Bridge Design to enter into an agreement with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc., for the In-depth Structural Inspection and Bridge Load Rating of the General Sullivan Bridge carrying pedestrian and recreational traffic over Little Bay between the city of Dover and the Town of Newington, for a total not to exceed \$819,724.54. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2016. **100% Turnpike Funds.**

4. DETAIL: STATEWIDE PROJECTS & POLICIES

[Rejected](#) the Division of the Arts to enter into a contract with Margaret Black, Topsfield, ME, to create artwork for the Anna Philbrook Center, Concord, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$12,800. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Other Funds.**

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS & NOMINATIONS:

(* = District 2 Resident)

Nominated for future confirmation:

Judge of the Circuit Court - Susan B. Carbon, Robert J. Foley*, Margaret Ann Moran, Patricia B. Quigley*

Public Utilities Commission - Martin P. Honigberg, Concord, NH*

Family Mediator Certification Board - Ellen Dinerstein, Hancock, NH*

Water Well Board - Steven Guercia, Concord, NH*

Lt Colonel, NH Air National Guard - Major Ian S. Tate, Somersworth, NH*

Major, NH Air National Guard - Captain Paul M. Marcus, Somersworth, NH*

Health Exchange Advisory Board - Scott Baetz, Windham, NH

Board of Licensure of Interpreters for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing - Kirk C. Simoneau, Bedford, NH

Board of Licensed Dietitians - Audrey L. Anastasia, New Boston, NH

Lakes Management Advisory Committee - Robert W. Compton, Deering, NH, & James S. Morash, Meredith, NH

Board of Mental Health Practice - Kathleen S. Shulman, New London, NH

Board of Nursing - Cynthia Smith, Meredith, NH

Public Water Access Advisory Board - B. David Bryan, Newmarket, NH

Confirmed by the Council:

Dep Cmsr of the Dept of Employment Security - Richard J. Lavers, Concord, NH*

Business Finance Authority - F. Daniel Henderson, Hancock, NH*

Poet Laureate - Alice B. Fogel, Acworth, NH*

Lottery Commission - Debra M. Douglas, Bow, NH

Joint Promotional Program Screening Committee - Timothy G. Sink, Concord, NH*

Family Mediator Certification Board - Karen J. Borgstrom, Lyme, NH; Elizabeth A. Christensen, Belmont, NH*; Marianne L. Rousseau, Concord, NH*

State Historical Records Advisory Board - Rodney G. Obien, Canterbury, NH*, Anne T. Packard, Holderness, NH

Major, NH Air National Guard - Paul Marcus, Somersworth, NH*

Board of Accountancy - John J. Daigneault, Wolfeboro, NH; Richard S. Silverman, Hampton, NH

State Committee on Aging - Herbert E. Johnson, Epsom, NH; Mark M.E. Frank, Lancaster, NH; Joan H. Schultze, Nashua, NH

Agricultural Advisory Board - Andrew Hartmann, Greenland, NH

Air Resources Council - Raymond R. Donald, Kingston, NH

Judicial Council - Philip H. Utter, Exeter, NH

Juvenile Parole Board - Yvonne M. Vissing, Chester, NH

Lakes Management Advisory Committee - Kimberly A. Hallquist, Andover, NH

Advisory Committee on Marine Fisheries - Erik S. Anderson, Portsmouth, NH

Board of Mental Health Practice - Richard Phelps, Franconia, NH

Retirement System Board of Trustees - Hershel D. Sosnoff, Silver Lake, NH

Rivers Management Advisory Committee - Larry T. Spencer, Plymouth, NH

Waste Management Council - Philip H. Bilodeau, Deerfield, NH; Duncan P. Watson, NH

Advisory Council on Worker's Comp - Marian Mitchell, New Boston, NH; Eileen Bernard, Hooksett, NH

6. DETAIL: TEN-YEAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN: Updated draft of the ten-year plan will be available here in advance of the 12/4 meeting:

<http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/planning/typ>.

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